

# THE CLARION.

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The Vicksburg Commercial is soon to be converted into a morning paper.

Judge Strong has resigned his seat on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

According to the figures given by the N. Y. Tribune Garfield's plurality over Hancock is only 768.

A bill is to be introduced in Congress to reduce letter postage from 3 cents to 2 cents. The people will say amen.

The Alabama Legislature adjourned on the 8th to re-assemble on the 1st of February to receive the census report and to apportion Senators and Representatives in pursuance of the State Constitution, which requires it to be done at the time of such enumeration, every ten years.

The opinion of the great lawyer and statesman, Judge Black, on the right and the duty of the State to control railroad corporations, has created more interest than any other paper of the times. It was written in response to a request for his views from the New York Chamber of Commerce. See first page.

The Patrons of Husbandry are in session at Brookhaven. The organization so far from dying out, has lately increased, according to the annual reports. The attendance on the National Grange was larger than ever before, and the State Grange will show that it is still a live institution. It has accomplished great good.

Second Supervisor's District.

See letter of Col. Wm. Handy, Supervisor of Census for the 2d District and the accompanying letter of Gen. Walker announcing the completion of the work and the final and efficient which Col. Handy displayed in its performance. Col. Handy was a good officer himself, and was singularly fortunate in the selection of Enumerators.

Chance for a Good Investment.

The Hinds County Gazette advises those of the people of Hinds who have a surplus capital, and desire to make a safe and profitable investment, to purchase the Hinds Co. N. & J. R. R. bonds at 90 cents. It says the interest will be promptly paid, and at maturity the principal will come in good money, without law suits or foreclosure of mortgages or deeds of trust. Good advice. A better investment could not be made.

The Silver Question.

The mania of the anti-silver party is anomalous. It has taken the form of a desire for more grains in the dollar—a bigger silver dollar, instead of none at all. They say that silver has depreciated. Why do they not put it right and say that gold has appreciated. The silver dollar is worth 100 cents by the laws of the land, and the people who business transactions it enters most, are opposed to enlarging it. If it was made bigger, the bondholders would invent some other obstruction. They want as little money as possible, and that little in gold, in order to enhance the value of their investment, which by the way, are exempt from taxation.

Congress.

In the House, a Grant pension bill has been introduced. Also resolutions by Mr. Hurl asserting the Democratic doctrine of a "tariff for revenue only." The House is discussing the Senate joint resolution for counting the Electoral vote. The gist of the issue is that the Democrats claim that the Electoral vote is required to be counted by the two Houses of Congress, in joint session assembled. The Republicans assert that to count the vote is the duty of the President of the Senate solely.

In the Senate a bill has been offered by Mr. Teller, the object of which is to annul State laws for conducting Congressional elections and putting them under the control of the federal government. It goes to the extent of defining the kind of ballot that shall be used, very much after the fashion of the ballot law in force in this State.

MISSISSIPPI. E. F. NOEL and S. C. GROCE, members of the Lexington bar, have announced their withdrawal from the Lexington Advertiser which they conducted during the late canvass with marked ability solely for the good of the Democratic cause. The people of Holmes county owe these talented and public-spirited young gentlemen a lasting debt of gratitude. Under their management, with the aid of others whose names need not be mentioned, the Democratic party was led from defeat to victory. In the same number in which they withdrew from the paper, the figures of the special election are given, showing a majority of 790 for Mr. Baxter Wilson for Sheriff and of 825 for Mr. J. T. Mead for Chancery Clerk. The Advertiser will in future be conducted by Mr. A. C. Durdin who has the experience and capacity to make it a good paper.

The Vicksburg Commercial makes a disparaging allusion to the Committee of Legislators appointed to confer with the Governor, and also to the Legislature itself for reasons which it does explain, and intimates that the Committee will be snubbed by the Governor. Let it be inferred that the Committee was appointed in a meddlesome spirit, and that it seeks to arrogate authority derogatory to the dignity and functions of the Governor, it is proper to say that it was appointed upon consultation with him, and in deference to his suggestion. We are not informed of the views of the Governor, nor of the Committee in reference to an extra session, but we do know that the Governor will take pleasure in conferring with the Committee, and appreciating the motives of its appointment, due to its members, and the importance of the subject, whatever course his conviction of duty may prompt him to take.

## THE KELLOGG CASE.

LETTER FROM HON. W. H. REES.

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## Here is the way Senator Vance, of North Carolina, treated the difficulty

conjured by our correspondent. It may quiet his apprehensions. He spoke as became an American Senator:

Mr. President, I am willing to see every Senator's seat in this House disturbed and called in question and put in jeopardy whenever it is shown to me that he is here as the choice of an illegal mode of election of some city, instead of the choice or representative of the Legislature of a sovereign State. I am perfectly willing to have my own or any other Senator's seat called in question, if it is shown to me that it is not a seat of a Senator, but a seat of a person who is not a Senator. I will tell you what a dangerous precedent it is to let a man come here and sit on this floor by the dictate of an ephemeral body of men which assembled and assumed the character of a Legislature, and then to dissolve and acknowledge they never were the Legislature of the State. That is a dangerous precedent.

And now as to the applicability of the doctrine of *res adjudicata*.

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